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Classified By: A/DCM Joseph Y. Yun. Reasons 1.4 (b,d).

On August 16, A/DCM and Pol-Mil Chief delivered reftel points regarding invitation to attend exercise Leading Edge to Cho Tae-Yong, Director General of North American Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MOFAT). Cho stated that he has noted USG request and would pass to his superiors. Additionally, Cho commented that the ROKG position is to "stay the course" on its current approach to PSI, indicating the ROKG is positively inclined to participate in the exercise, but is unlikely to endorse the statement of interdiction principles. We will follow-up and report on the ROK's decision and any developments.